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...at the office. The letter was addressed to me, which is funny, since I wasn't the only one. But maybe I was most memorable, or easiest to spell.

Remember the case in NYC, the sweatshop thing? The letter was from one of those women. I don't think I should use her name, and if I copy the letter, it'll sound as if I'm making fun of her grammar and spelling. Which I don't have any urge to do, and I don't think anyone else should, either.

She says she and her sister and her sister's little boy have moved to Ohio. They've learned a lot more English, their citizenship applications are in the process of being approved, and they've opened a Thai restaurant. She says if we're ever in Dayton, we're supposed to call, and we'll be guaranteed a full-on Thai fancy banquet.

She says she still misses her son every day, but she thinks it's better to be alive and remembering him than dead and leaving her sister and nephew alone. She says they need her, and it's good to be needed.

She says we should remember that, about being needed. And she says thank you to all of us who were there and the ones she didn't see, but who she knows were here helping.

I don't think there's anything I can say about this.



This looks like a good idea.

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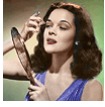
This.

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Little guy's not bad.

Gotta teach RHex to smear.

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I think you said it, kemo sabe.

I think you said it.



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...O.



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I hadn't thought of it as one we won. I mean, we won, but...you know what I mean.

But for her, we won. In spite of the things that made me doubt that.

Processing this.




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We did win. We made things better. We solved a problem.

We didn't make everything right. But that's not our job.



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...yeah.

It's not all or nothing. It's an incremental thing.

I'd known that, but I hadn't really *known* that.



 [trollcatz](#)

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They push. We push back.



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Like video games. You can't win 'em. You just keep trying to hold onto the high score.




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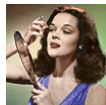
The universe is a cold and uncaring place, kid. And we are the only light in it.



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I'm really glad I've got you other light bulbs to hang out with, then. Makes me feel brighter.




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Shine, little star. Shine on.



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